

Montgomery County Community College
NUR 213
Professional Issues in Nursing
2-2-0

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course explores current issues in nursing such as legal-ethical questions, management styles, leadership roles, nursing research and healthcare delivery systems. It emphasizes transition from student nurse to professional nurse by exploring professional responsibilities and accountability to self, profession and society. This is a non-clinical course. This course is subject to a course fee. Refer to <http://mc3.edu/adm-fin-aid/paying/tuition/course-fees> for current rates.

REQUISITES:*Previous Course Requirements*

- NUR 211 Nursing Care of Clients with Complex Healthcare Needs with a minimum grade of "C"
- ENG 102 English Composition II
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

Previous or Concurrent Course Requirements

- NUR 212 Nursing Management of Client Care (a minimum grade of "C" is required)
- Any Aesthetic Sensibility course (THA 105 or THA 114 recommended)

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

LEARNING OUTCOMES	LEARNING ACTIVITIES	EVALUATION METHODS
1. Discuss how current trends in society and healthcare influence nursing practice.	Interactive Discussion Critical Evaluation of News Media Audiovisual Materials Computer-Based Activities Assigned Readings and Written Assignments	Issues and Trends Assignments (2) Participation Evaluation
2. Evaluate issues of professionalism in nursing.	Interactive Discussion Audiovisual Materials Computer-Based Activities Assigned Readings and Written Assignments	Participation Evaluation

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3. Formulate effective leadership strategies.	Interactive Discussion Audiovisual Materials Computer-Based Activities Assigned Readings and Written Assignments	Political Action Assignment Participation Evaluation
4. Analyze legal and ethical dilemmas confronting nurses using legal and ethical principles and decision-making strategies.	Interactive Discussion Audiovisual Materials Computer-Based Activities Assigned Readings and Written Assignments Group Projects and Presentations	Ethical Issue Assignment Child Abuse Recognition Education Participation Evaluation
5. Develop strategies for making a successful transition from student to professional nurse.	Interactive Discussion Audiovisual Materials Role Playing Computer-Based Activities Guest Speakers Assigned Readings and Written Assignments Portfolio Assignment	Portfolio Assignment with Resume and Cover Letter- Course Capstone

At the conclusion of each semester/session, assessment of the learning outcomes will be completed by course faculty using the listed evaluation method(s). Aggregated results will be submitted to the Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs. The benchmark for each learning outcome is that *70% of students will meet or exceed outcome criteria.*

SEQUENCE OF TOPICS:

1. Orientation to Course and Role Transition
2. Leadership/Management Issues
3. Nursing: A Developing Profession
4. Changing Patterns of Healthcare Delivery
5. Nursing as a Professional Discipline
6. Political Issues in Healthcare
7. Employment Issues
8. Maintaining Standards of Practice
9. Care of Self
10. Consumerism/Advocacy
11. Practice Issues

LEARNING MATERIALS:

Catalano, J. T (2015) *Nursing now! Today's issues, tomorrow's trends (7th ed.)*
Philadelphia: F.A. Davis.

Other learning materials may be required and made available directly to the student and/or via the College's Libraries and/or course management system.

COURSE APPROVAL:

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This course is consistent with Montgomery County Community College's mission. It was developed, approved and will be delivered in full compliance with the policies and procedures established by the College.